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indefiniteness rejection, Applicants have amended claims 2 and 7-9. As a result of these amendments, claims 2-4 and 7-10 fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Additionally, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,141,196 to *Arnold et al.* In view of the cancellation of claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer, the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claim 1 is deemed moot.

The Examiner deemed claims 2-4 and 7 allowable if the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejection were overcome and if claims 5, 6, and 11 were rewritten in independent form. Applicants have so complied and respectfully request timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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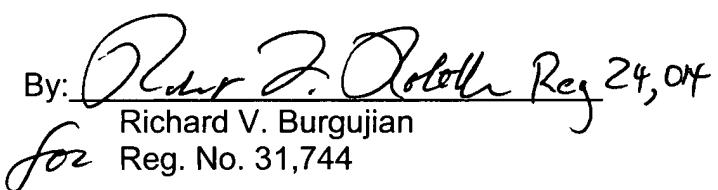
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